

Monument Ranch neighborhood and Ethanac corridor upgrades. As mayor, Daryl was also instrumental in connecting Perris to the region through the establishment of the Metrolink train service at the city's new multi-modal transportation hub.

I have had the distinct privilege of knowing Daryl for many years, I was proud to call him my friend and I will deeply miss him. I extend my heartfelt condolences to the Busch family, including his wife, Kay, and son, Barry, his friends, and colleagues. Although Daryl may be gone, the many life-changing contributions he made in Riverside County will have a lasting impact for generations to come.

IN HONOR OF CHIEF PETTY OFFICER JIM MARSHALL FOR RECEIVING A 2017 SPIRIT OF HOPE AWARD

HON. LIZ CHENEY

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 21, 2017

Ms. CHENEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my congratulations to Chief Petty Officer Jim Marshall on receiving a 2017 Spirit of Hope Award.

The Spirit of Hope Award recognizes six people or organizations across the country every year for their contributions to improving the lives of servicemembers and their families. Jim's selection for this award is a reflection of his dedication and many contributions to our great country and community.

Jim has spearheaded various events for servicemembers and their families, from Navy Balls to toy drives. He also has played an important role in strengthening the relationship between members of all branches of the military, especially the Navy, and our community. His outstanding patriotism and service to our community warrants his recognition as the first Wyomingite to receive this award.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my congratulations to Chief Petty Officer Jim Marshall and thank him for his incredible service to our country and state.

HONORING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF FANELLO INDUSTRIES IN LAVONIA

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 21, 2017

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my friends at Fanello Industries in Lavonia on their 20-year anniversary.

Established in 1998, this company has supported businesses across various industries by providing them with stamped metal blanks and other assemblies that play a major role in production.

When the company's founder, Vince Fanello, first opened his business in northeast Georgia, he understood that he was making a major commitment. Like many other companies, Fanello Industries began small and grew over time as a result of determination and diligence.

By the time the company reached its fifth year, it expanded to include multiple assembly lines and utilized 100,000 square feet of space to house its tools and employees.

Oftentimes, we forget the leap of faith that many people take when starting a business. For most business owners, passing the one-year milestone without succumbing to the defeats that come with a running business is a major accomplishment.

Many small business owners, like Mr. Fanello, are providing jobs that don't require a 4-year degree to people. When I met with Mr. Fanello, he stressed the need for welders in his industry and highlighted his efforts in reaching out to the state prison system to provide work to recently released inmates so that they can build the skills needed for welding.

My friends at Fanello Industries can look back at what they've built with pride—remembering that they persevered throughout their 20-year operation. I congratulate them and look forward to their continued success.

RECOGNIZING KEISER UNIVERSITY

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 21, 2017

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Keiser University for their accomplishments and their example for how a private university should operate and serve their community. For 40 years, Keiser University has equipped thousands of students to achieve success in our ever-changing economy. It is through institutions like Keiser that students across America and around the world have access to a variety of educational choices ranging from associate to doctoral degree programs.

An overwhelming sixty-six percent of Keiser graduates complete their degrees in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM). With unwavering persistence, I continue to support STEM, and am very pleased to celebrate the impressive milestone of this educational institution. In the past 10 years, Keiser University produced more than 33,800 graduates with associate degrees in a wide variety of in-demand working fields. With access to skilled workers on the decline, it is imperative that Congress works together with states to better prepare our workforce of tomorrow. I am pleased to witness Keiser's success, and wish them many more years of prosperity.

I applaud Keiser's faculty, staff, and students for their achievements and for their ongoing commitment to equipping our next generation to be leaders and achieve their dreams.

IN HONOR OF AL AND PENNY TWOMEY FOR RECEIVING THE 2017 WYOMING CARES VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. LIZ CHENEY

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 21, 2017

Ms. CHENEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my congratulations to Al and Penny

Twomey on being selected for the 2017 Wyoming CARES Volunteer of the Year Award. This outstanding accomplishment is a sign of their commitment to our community and to our great state.

Wyoming CARES is a statewide non-profit with the goal of helping Wyoming residents who may find it necessary to seek temporary assistance and often have trouble receiving it. Al and Penny have been supporting and participating in the organization for over 20 years. They have become particularly involved in its largest annual fundraiser, the Ride with the Winds Bike Tour, for which Penny rode the 50-mile trail this year. I thank them for their dedication and many contributions to the program and to helping the people of our great state.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my congratulations to Al and Penny Twomey. They deserve to be extremely proud of this accomplishment.

THE FAILURE TO PASS THE DREAM ACT

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 21, 2017

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, the president's anti-immigrant rhetoric and policies have jeopardized the future of immigrant parents and their children all across America.

This tragedy is most immediately true for Dreamers impacted by the President's ending the DACA program.

While Congress can act to protect Dreamers, Speaker RYAN and the Republican leadership have ignored the wishes of the majority of Americans and turned a deaf ear to this crisis by sending us home without voting to protect our nation's Dreamers.

Those who voted for the spending bill without the passage of the Dream Act, have in effect voted for the deportation of Dreamers.

Republicans who say it is okay to wait until next year to protect Dreamers are misleading the American people.

The fact is that since the President eliminated the DACA program in September, more than 13,000 Dreamers have already lost their work permits and deportation protections. And the fact is that an additional 122 Dreamers are losing their DACA protections every day.

They are students and professionals such as doctors, nurses, teachers, scientists and social workers. They are members of our military and parents who play a critical role in the wellbeing and future of our American society. Dreamers strengthen our economy, protect our country and enhance the quality of life in our communities and across our nation.

It is unconscionable that Speaker RYAN and the Republican leadership refused to bring the Dream Act for a vote before we recessed for the holidays.

It is impossible to understand how in good conscience the Republicans could go home to celebrate their religious beliefs and ideals knowing their lack of action is not only shattering the security and unity of families but creating a traumatized generation of children. How is that loving your neighbor as yourself?

School teachers in my district tell me many of their students are so consumed with fear of

losing their parents they are exhibiting signs of PTSD and depression.

During this holy season, instead of celebrating the gifts of their faith, immigrant parents are having to develop emergency plans so their children will know what to do if their parents are taken away and don't make it home one night.

As a mother, I can't imagine the physical and emotional toll it takes to try and reassure your children while at the same time having to tell them they may not see you again or that they may have to leave their friends and their home for a country they do not know or remember.

Congress has the power to stop this terror by passing the Dream Act but the Republican leadership once again lacked the courage to take a stand and have a vote.

Protecting our Dreamers is the moral and right thing to do and it is in the best interests of our nation.

Tragically, instead of living up to our American values and giving Dreamers the gift of hope for a better and more secure future, Republicans have left them and their family with a lump of coal laced with fear and uncertainty.

Mr. Speaker, you and your leadership should be ashamed of yourselves.

HONORING SAM PACK AND HIS CHARITABLE WORKS ACROSS NORTH TEXAS

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 21, 2017

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Sam Pack of Carrollton, Texas for his tremendous and continuous work to better his community throughout his life.

Sam Pack's presence in North Texas is hard to miss. His commitment to community service and public involvement has touched the lives of many in the 24th District and across the State of Texas. Mr. Pack's personal involvement in the community is apparent in the numerous awards he has received including being named the Metrocrest Chamber of Commerce's "Citizen of the Year" as well as being recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow by Rotary International.

Mr. Pack's charitable donations and work are known well throughout North Texas, ranging from donations to diabetes research facilities to establishing a museum in his community. Mr. Pack is a dedicated supporter of Metrocrest Services and Kidd's Kids, to name a few of the many philanthropic organizations he supports throughout North Texas. Metrocrest Services provides critical services to those coping with crisis situations, those who need help stabilizing their lives, or require other forms of support. Kidd's Kids provides tremendous support to children and their families who are dealing with life altering conditions. Mr. Pack has also created the Sam Pack Cares program, which works to provide assistance to those who serve our nation in various ways.

For nearly forty years, the Sam Pack Auto Group has worked hand-in-hand with communities, businesses, and individuals across North Texas to provide outstanding service

and support to customers. Mr. Pack's commitment to excellence and dedication to customer service has resulted in the Sam Pack Auto Group receiving countless awards and recognitions for their efforts. Most notably among these recognitions is TIME Magazine's "Quality Dealer of the Year", Ford Motor Company's "Salute to Dealers Award", and the Texas Automobile Dealers Association's "Legends Award" which, to date, has been awarded to less than twenty outstanding auto dealers within the State of Texas. Since Mr. Pack first opened a dealership in 1980, he has provided vital support to those in need, and in the 36 years since that first dealership opened, Mr. Pack has continuously proven that he is an ardent supporter of his community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my fellow colleagues join me in thanking Mr. Sam Pack for his many years of dedicated service and charitable works. I wish him continued success and congratulations as the Sam Pack Auto Group opens the Sam Pack Five Star Chevrolet Dealership in Carrollton, Texas.

HISTORY IS MADE IN DAYTON, OHIO

HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 21, 2017

Mr. TURNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate two pieces of history from Dayton, Ohio.

Firstly, last week marked the 22nd anniversary of the Dayton Peace Accords. The Dayton Peace Accords brought an end to years of bloodshed and created a framework for lasting peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina. I served as mayor of Dayton during those Accords and witnessed firsthand American diplomacy bring adversaries to the negotiating table.

Recently, however, I fear the peace found in Dayton is threatened. Now is a critical time for the region. I wrote this week to Secretary of State Rex Tillerson encouraging him to host a Dayton Peace Accords II. The United States has an obligation to lead and support the peace we helped create in 1995.

The second piece of history I proudly recognize today is the anniversary of flight. This Sunday marked Wright Brothers Day, the 114th anniversary of the Wright Brothers' invention of flight.

The Wright Brothers did the bulk of their research in Dayton, Ohio, eventually leading to their creation of flight. Dayton continues to maintain the Wright Brothers' spirit of innovation.

IN HONOR OF JOHN TROHKIMOINEN FOR RECEIVING CALIFORNIA CASUALTY'S NATIONAL AWARD FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE

HON. LIZ CHENEY

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 21, 2017

Ms. CHENEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my congratulations to John Trohkimoinen on receiving California Cas-

ualty's National Award for Teaching Excellence. This outstanding accomplishment is a sign of his hard work, leadership, and commitment to his students.

For the past thirty years, John has dedicated his time to ensuring that Natrona County High students build a strong educational foundation that will benefit them long after they leave his classroom. As just one of thirty-eight educators to receive this award, his commitment to education and the impact he has on those around him is apparent. I thank him for his contributions to Wyoming education and to Natrona County High School.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my congratulations to John Trohkimoinen for earning the National Award for Teaching Excellence. He and his family deserve to be extremely proud of this accomplishment.

HONORING DR. ROBERT GUNN

HON. BETO O'ROURKE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 21, 2017

Mr. O'ROURKE. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to congratulate my friend, Dr. Robert Gunn, for being awarded a National Endowment for the Humanities Award for Faculty for his work on American Horologies. Literature, Timekeeping, and the Production of Space in Early Western North America.

Though it will be above my level of comprehension, given Dr. Gunn's past work and the success it has achieved, I am confident that this will be an important addition to the study of North America and the indigenous cultures of the American West.

Dr. Gunn's work at the University of Texas at El Paso has helped to distinguish UTEP and the larger El Paso-Juarez community. It has helped to deepen and expand our insight of the people of North America, and it has contributed to a richer understanding of America and the American West.

I am extraordinarily fortunate to represent Dr. Gunn in Congress and to have the opportunity to congratulate him for this high achievement. Even better, I have the pleasure of calling him a friend and personally bearing witness to his kindness, wit, wisdom and the inspiration he takes from, and love he gives to, his beautiful children, Frances and Henry, and his wife Jonna, incredibly accomplished in her own right as the Director of the English Education Program at UTEP.

We are lucky to have Dr. Gunn in El Paso, lucky to count him and his family as friends, lucky that he has contributed his outsized talent and drive to a better understanding of who we are.

Congratulations Robert.

CELEBRATING THE BICENTENNIAL OF THE TOWN OF AMHERST, NEW YORK

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 21, 2017

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinguished history of the Town of Amherst, New York upon